

Status of the Iowa Workforce and Economy

Upcoming 2022 News Release Schedule

Reference Month	Statewide News Release	Local Area News Release
Jan	Mar 14	Mar 14
Feb	Mar 25	Mar 29
Mar	Apr 15	Apr 19
Apr	May 20	May 24
May	Jun 17	Jun 21
Jun	Jul 22	Jul 26
Jul	Aug 19	Aug 23
Aug	Sep 16	Sep 20
Sep	Oct 21	Oct 25
Oct	Nov 18	Nov 22
Nov	Dec 16	Dec 20
Dec	Jan 24	Jan 24

Iowa Nonfarm Employment Seasonally Adjusted

Year	Month	Iowa Statewide Employment	Leisure & Hospitality Employment
2021	Jul	1,541,300	131,100
	Aug	1,539,300	131,000
	Sep	1,539,900	131,500
	Oct	1,539,900	132,300
	Nov	1,543,300	135,800
	Dec	1,553,300	135,000
2022	Jan	1,556,400	137,900
	Feb	1,562,200	140,000

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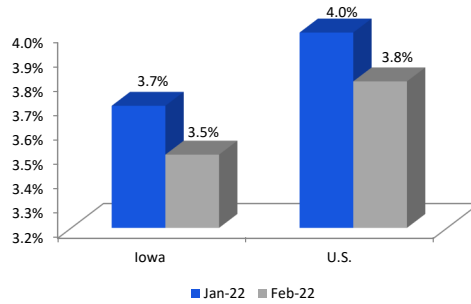
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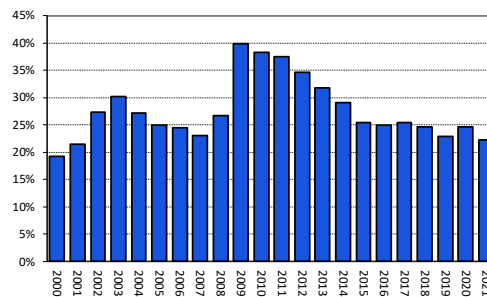
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Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates—2022



- Iowa's unemployment rate fell to 3.5 percent in February. The state's jobless rate was 4.4 percent one year ago.
- The state's total employment level increased to 1,626,800 in February from 1,617,700 in January.
- The U.S. unemployment rate decreased to 3.8 percent in February.

Regular Unemployment Insurance (UI) Exhaustion Rate (2000-2021)



- The percentage of UI recipients who exhausted available benefits fell from 25 percent in 2020 to 22 percent in 2021.
- The exhaustion rate hit 40 percent during the 2009 recession due to the number of long term layoffs. The exhaustion rate was lower in the 2020 recession because many of the pandemic related layoffs were shorter in duration.

- Establishments in Iowa added 5,800 jobs in February. This is the fourth-consecutive increase for the state.
- Accommodations and food services increased by 1,500 jobs and arts and entertainment by 600.
- Administrative support and waste management gained 1,500, partially offsetting a large drop to begin the year.
- Manufacturing advanced by 1,400 with hiring in both durable and nondurable goods factories.
- State government got a boost from education and added 1,500 jobs in February.
- Transportation and warehousing shed 700 jobs and retail 300 jobs as the last of the seasonal hires were released.
- Private educational firms decreased by 1,300 jobs following gains in the past three months.
- Following this month's gain, the state has added 38,500 jobs versus last February. Leisure and hospitality is up 17,700 jobs, the most of any sector.
- Nationally, Total nonfarm employment increased by 678,000 jobs.

Total Nonfarm Employment January 2021 to February 2022

